

## DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

Docket No. 72255

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: HINGE DEVICE

the specification of which

(Check one) [ ] is attached hereto.

[X] was filed as PCT international application

Number PCT/JP2004/017351

on 22/Nov./2004

and was amended under PCT Article 19

on \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, 119 (a)-(d) or 365 (b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or 365 (a) of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

JP 2003 405922  
(Number)

JAPAN  
(Country)

04/Dec./2003  
(Day/Month/Year filed)

Priority Claimed

YES

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code 112. I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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(International Application)

22/Nov./2004  
(International Filing Date)

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